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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

DAN SANCHEZ ET AL.

Application No.: 09/847,736

Filed: May 1, 2001

For: PIVOT POINT ARM FOR A ROBOTIC  
SYSTEM USED TO PERFORM A  
SURGICAL PROCEDURE

Customer No.: 20350

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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